

Remarks

~~Please replace paragraph 4 on Page 6 of the Amendment previously filed on~~

September 25, 2003 with the following rewritten paragraph.

-- Independent claims 1, [8] 9 and 13, as amended, all require, in a method of producing a vehicle mat or part, (a) placing a thermoplastic sheet having nibs on one side thereof in contact with a contoured molding tool having one or more sidewalls that extend upwardly from a flat base and a top surface, one side of the sheet directed toward the sidewall and top surface of the tool and another side of the sheet (having nibs) directed away from the tool; (b) heating the sheet at least partially simultaneously with the sheet being in contact with the contoured molding tool; and (c) drawing the heated sheet toward the tool until the sheet is substantially shaped to the contour of the sidewall and the tool top surface. Neither Schriner et al., Reuben, or Bailey, alone or in combination, teach or suggest the invention as claimed by the Applicant in claims 1, [8] 9 or 13.—

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2112. A duplicate copy of this response is enclosed.

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